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SUBJECT: FAO COUNCIL MEETING; 65TH SESSION - ITEM 3: IMPACT OF
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE ON FAO PROGRAM FOR 1975 AND
FOLLOWING YEARS

SUMMARY: MEANINGFUL TWO-DAY DISCUSSION HELD ON ITEM 3 AND ITEM 4
(LATTER REPORTED SEPTEL). COUNCIL IDENTIFIED MAJOR PRIORITIES PLUS
FEW LOW ONES AND LARGELY SUPPORTED PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
ASSESSMENTS. CHINA RESERVED ON PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL INFORMATION
AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. END SUMMARY.

1. SUBJECT ITEM WAS INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN PROGRAM COMMITTEE
(PHILLIPS, US), FOLLOWED BY SPEECHES BY UNCTAD REPRESENTATIVE
(KRASNOV) AND FAO SECRETARIAT (AZIZ) WHO SPOKE RESPECTIVELY ON
UNCTAD'S MULTI-COMMODITY WORLD STOCK OF 18 MAJOR COMMODITIES
AND ON PROPOSED WORKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR GLOBAL INFORMATION AND
EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.

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2. TWO-DAY DISCUSSION OF COMBINED ITEMS 3 AND 4 WAS FAIRLY MEANINGFUL. SOME 34 INTERVENTIONS PROVIDED MANY THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS AND WIDE RANGE OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES.

3. AUSTRALIA LED OFF WITH EXCELLENT STATEMENT PICKED UP AND SUPPORTED BY MANY OTHER DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING US), BY DG, AND BY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN IN HIS SUMMARY. ITS 4-POINT STATEMENT FOCUSED ON ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY OF FAO IN LARGE EXPANSION, EVIDENT OVERLAP OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES, NEED FOR CAREFUL SCRUTINY OF LONG-TERM PROJECT PROPOSALS, AND SUPPORT FOR SOME DEGREE OF GRADUAL DECENTRALIZATION OF FAO, BUT QUESTIONS ADD ON INSTEAD OF SHIFT OF RESOURCES.

4. SEVERAL OTHER INTERVENTIONS BY DC'S (UK, FRG, CANADA, FRANCE, DENMARK, JAPAN) AND LDCS (INDIA, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA, GAMBIA AND SUDAN) SEEMED PARTICULARLY USEFUL. US STATEMENT WAS CONCISE AND FOLLOWED POSITION PAPER, ALTHOUGH IN ABBREVIATED FORM.

5. MAIN POINTS OF CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION INCLUDED (A) ASKING PROGRAM/FINANCE COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE AUSTRALIA'S 4 POINTS, INDICATING COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR DECENTRALIZATION OVER LONG-TERM, (B) COUNCIL FEELING THAT BUDGET PRIORITIES NEED NOT REPEAT NEED NOT BE LIMITED ONLY TO RECOMMENDATIONS DERIVING FROM THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, (C) COUNCIL AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR BETTER BALANCE IN VARIOUS SECTORS OF FAO AND FOR STRENGTHENING TECHNICAL PARTS OF ORGANIZATION, (D) STATEMENT THAT MANY PROJECTS ARE HIGH PRIORITY, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SUPPLY SCHEME, TRYPANOSOMIASIS CONTROL, AND GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (COUNCIL FELT LAST ACTIVITY SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO CAUTIOUSLY TO AVOID UPHEAVALS IN COMMODITY PRICES OR OTHER PROBLEMS), (E) LOW PRIORITY ITEMS ACCORDING TO CHAIRMAN INCLUDED FREEDOM FROM HUNGER PROGRAM, AGRIS/CARIS, REMOTE SENSING, AND LEGAL OFFICE EXPANSION, AND (F) COUNCIL REQUEST THAT DIRECTOR-GENERAL REEXAMINE SOME PROPOSALS TO LOOK AT SELECTIVITY, AND POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FROM LOW PRIORITY PROJECTS.

5. NOTE ALL ITEMS DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH 5 ARE PART OF CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND FINAL COUNCIL APPROVAL.

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6. CHINA IN MILD, BRIEF INTERVENTION STATED NEED TO CONSIDER DECLARATION ON NEW ECONOMIC ORDER ADOPTED AT UNGA'S SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, TO GIVE PRIORITY TO AIDING FOOD PRODUCTION IN LDCS, AND TO ECONOMIZE, AVOIDING DUPLICATION AND WASTE. IT MENTIONED THAT IT HAD ALREADY STATED ITS VIEWS ON PARTICIPATING IN THE GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM AND REITERATED ITS RESERVATION (WHICH IT WANTED IN COUNCIL REPORT) THAT THIS IMPINGES ON NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES.VOLPE

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